

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A handheld computer, comprising:
2 a housing;
3 a display supported by the housing and configured to display
4 images representative of computer program applications;
5 a memory;
6 a microprocessor coupled to the memory and the display and
7 configured to run applications stored in the memory;
8 a software application stored in the memory;
9 a launching application stored in the memory and having an
10 image on the display representative of the software application and the
11 launching application carrying out computer program steps to modify the
12 launching environment prior to running the software application such that the
13 software application runs properly on the handheld computer, the software
14 application not originally designed to run on the handheld computer.
- 1 2. The handheld computer of claim 1, wherein the software
2 application is a web clipping application.
- 1 3. The handheld computer of claim 1, wherein the modifications to
2 the launching environment includes removing operating system
3 incompatibilities with the software application.
- 1 4. The handheld computer of claim 1, wherein the modifications to
2 the launching environment includes removing hardware incompatibilities with
3 the software application.

1 5. The handheld computer of claim 1, wherein the modifications to
2 the launching environment includes removing display incompatibilities with
3 the software application.

1 6. A handheld computer, comprising:
2 a housing;
3 a display supported by the housing and configured to display
4 images representative of computer program applications;
5 a memory;
6 a microprocessor coupled to the memory and the display and
7 configured to run applications stored in the memory;
8 a software application stored outside the handheld computer;
9 a launching application stored in the memory and having an
10 image on the display representative of the software application and the
11 launching application prompting the installation of the software application
12 when the launching application is run by selecting the image representative
13 of the software application and the launching application running the
14 software application after the software application has been installed by
15 selection of the image representative of the software application.

1 7. The handheld computer of claim 6, wherein the memory
2 includes a flash read only memory (ROM) and the software application is too
3 large for the flash ROM.

1 8. The handheld computer of claim 6, wherein the software
2 application is stored on a personal computer.

1 9. The handheld computer of claim 6, wherein the software
2 application is stored on an optical disc.

1 10. A method of using an e-mail application in a wireless
2 environment, comprising:
3 providing an e-mail application not configured for use over a
4 wireless connection on a handheld computer;
5 providing a launching application on a handheld computer, the
6 launching application displaying an icon on the handheld computer
7 representative of the e-mail application;
8 starting the launching application;
9 modifying parameters of the handheld computer, by the
10 launching application, so that the e-mail application is able to use a wireless
11 connection; and
12 running, automatically, the e-mail application.

1 11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:
2 connecting wirelessly to an e-mail server.

1 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising:
2 sending an e-mail to the e-mail server.

1 13. The method of claim 10, wherein the handheld computer
2 includes a radio frequency transceiver.

1 14. The method of claim 10, wherein the launching application is
2 started by selecting the icon representative of the e-mail application.

1 15. A method of using an application on a handheld computer,
2 comprising:
3 providing an application not configured to run in a desired
4 manner on the handheld computer;
5 providing a launching application on the handheld computer, the
6 launching application displaying an icon on the handheld computer
7 representative of the application;
8 starting the launching application;
9 modifying parameters of the handheld computer, by the
10 launching application, so that the application is able to run in a desired
11 manner on the handheld computer; and
12 running, automatically, the application.

1 16. The method of claim 15, wherein the application is a web
2 clipping application.

1 17. The method of claim 15, wherein the modifications to the
2 parameters of the handheld computer includes removing operating system
3 incompatibilities with the software application.

1 18. The method of claim 15, wherein the modifications to the
2 parameters of the handheld computer includes removing hardware
3 incompatibilities with the software application.

1 19. The method of claim 15, wherein the modifications to the
2 parameters of the handheld computer includes removing display
3 incompatibilities with the software application.

- 1 20. The method of claim 15, further comprising selecting the icon
- 2 of the launching application.

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